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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED ON MAY 29 THAT GOL AND GARE HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL ON NONRESIDENTIAL BASIS. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIAL SAID REPRESENTATIVES STILL TO BE NAMED AND REFUSED SAY WHETHER LUSAKA WOULD BE POINT OF CONTACT AS IN CASE OF BOTSWANA, NOTING THAT LUSAKA MORE CONVENIENT FOR BOTSWANA THAN FOR LESOTHO.

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2. SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT IN SPEECH FROM THRONE OPENING INTERIM NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ON APR 27, HIS MAJESTY STATED IT INTENTION OF GOL TO " EXPAND AND STRENGTHN ITS TIES WITH OTHER AFRICAN STATES" AND THAT OUTCOME OF CONVERSATIONS WHICH FOREIGN MINISTER HAD HAD WITH OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ON RELATIONS WOULD BE MADE PUBLIC IN NEAR FUTURE.

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